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## **Town Warrant**

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To Frank G. Laughton, constable of the Town of Ripley in the County of Somerset, State of Maine

**GREETING:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the 4th day of March, 1940 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a town clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors, and overseers of the poor, and vote their compensation.

Art. 5. To choose a town treasurer and vote his compensation.

Art. 6. To choose one or more road commissioners.

Art. 7. To choose one or more superintending school committee.

Art. 8. To choose one or more trustees of the Crocker Library; a fire ward; and all other officers required to be chosen at this meeting.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of common schools,

school house, repairs, miscellaneous school expenses, high school tuition,

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to maintain town ways and bridges.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the purpose of maintaining town ways and highways during the snow season.

Art. 12. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to expend the money raised to maintain the town ways and highways during the snow season, or act anything thereon.

Art. 13. To grant and raise a sum of money for support of poor.

Art. 14. To grant and raise a sum of money for miscellaneous town expenses.

Art. 15. To grant and raise a sum of money to pay interest on loans.

Art. 16. To grant and raise a sum of money for the support of Crocker Library.

Art. 17. To grant and raise a sum of money for maintenance of State Aid Highways; Third Class and Special Resolve roads, for early patrol and cutting bushes on improved roads.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$48.00 for street lights, or act anything thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$20.00 for public health nurse.

Art. 20. To see if the town will grant and raise a sum of money for the purpose of retiring outstanding notes.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$15.00 for Memorial Day.

Art. 22. To see what sum the town will appropriate for State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Section 19,

Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 23. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the joint state aid account for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to STATE AID ROADS, in excess of the requirements of Section 2, Chapter 132, P. L. 1935.

Art. 24. To see what sum, if any, the town would recommend to take from the third class apportionment for the purpose of applying bituminous surface treatment to THIRD CLASS ROADS, in excess of the requirements of Section 1, Chapter 207, P. L. 1939.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to expend the State Aid and Third Class money at the Head of the Pond Road, beginning at the school house and going Westerly, or act anything thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to abate any or all of the 1939 real estate taxes of Wallace Cooley.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to abate any or all of the 1939 real estate taxes of George Nutter.

Art. 28. To get an expression of the Town as to what price, if any, they wish to charge George Nutter for the Lane schoolhouse.

Art. 29. To see what method the town will adopt for payment and collection of taxes, to choose a tax collector, and vote his compensation.

Art. 30. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen and treasurer to borrow as a temporary loan or loans to and for the use of the town in anticipation of taxes of the current municipal year 1940-41; and instruct said officials to retire any notes or obligations that may become due by issuing new ones which will not be in anticipation of taxes, or act anything thereon.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to build a new fence around the Hale cemetery and raise the money for same.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to abate any or all of the 1939 real estate taxes of Coburn Cooley.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to expend the State Aid and Third Class money in rebuilding Woodcock Hill or act anything thereon.

Art. 34. To see if the town will raise \$100.00 to be expended in repairing culverts and buying and applying gravel on the Head-of-Dexter-Pond road from the Town Line to Town Line inclusive.

Art. 35. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to contact the Central Maine Power Co. in regard to new reflectors for the Street Lights.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out a 3d class road designation and expend 3rd class monies thereon.

Art. 37. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to expend the State Aid money from the Mills schoolhouse easterly to the Dexter town line, or act anything thereon.

Art. 38. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town and hear and decide upon application of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list at the town hall at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands at Ripley, Maine, this 21st day of February A. D. 1940.

JAMES M. LAUGHTON  
H. L. WAKEFIELD  
LINWOOD H. HASELTINE  
Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.

# Report of Budget Committee

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## Recommendations

Art. 9. Schools	\$2,500 00
Art. 10. Summer Roads	400 00
Art. 11. Snow Season	950 00
Art. 13. Poor	750 00
Art. 14. Miscellaneous	300 00
Art. 15. Interest	700 00
Art. 16. Library	75 00
Art. 17. Maintenance	800 00
Art. 18. Street Lights	48 00
Art. 19. Health Nurse (No recommendation)	
Art. 20. Outstanding notes (No recommendation)	
Art. 21. Memorial Day (No recommendation)	
Art. 22. State Aid Construction	450 00
Art. 31. Hale cemetery	10 00
Art. 34. Head of Dexter Pond road	100 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. ADDITON, Chairman  
CLAYTON JEWETT, Clerk  
C. P. KITTREDGE  
H. L. BANE  
A. L. ELLMS  
J. M. LAUGHTON  
H. L. WAKEFIELD  
L. H. HASELTINE

Budget Committee of Ripley, Maine

# Report of Assessors

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Ripley, Maine, Feb. 1, 1940

To the Citizens of the Town of Ripley:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Statutes of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration this, our annual report which includes tabulations of statistics.

## VALUATION AND ASSESSMENTS

	Real Estate	Personal Estate	
Resident	\$112,545 00	\$23,210 87	\$135,755 87
Non-res.	35,175 00	1,630 00	36,805 00
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	\$147,720 00	\$24,840 87	\$172,560 87

Tax Rate \$57.00 per \$1,000.00

### Appropriations:

Schools	\$2,700 00
Summer Roads	400 00
Winter	950 00
Poor	500 00
Interest	700 00
Miscellaneous	450 00
Library	75 00

### Maintenance State Aid, 3rd Class

Special Resolve,

Cutting Bushes	775 00
Street Lights	48 00
Health Nurse	20 00

Memorial Day	15 00
State Aid Construction	450 00
Special Appropriation, Buck Road	100 00
Appropriation Snow Plow No. 2	385 00
County Tax	321 15
State Tax	1,386 98
Supplemental Tax	25 00
Overlay	378 18
 Total Commitment	 \$ 10,179 31

#### TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	Av. Value	Total Value
78 horses	\$77 25	\$6,025 00
328 cows	27 86	9,140 00
4 oxen	62 50	250 00
119 three year olds	26 30	3,130 00
140 two year olds	20 18	2,825 00
100 poultry	75	75 00
 Total	 \$ 21,445 00	

#### EXEMPT

210 yearlings	10 00	2,100 00
213 sheep	8 05	1,715 00
98 swine	10 00	980 00
762 poultry	80	614 00
4 draft colts	56 25	225 00

#### ABATEMENTS

John Woodcock, paid in Pittsfield	\$ 3 00
L. R. Decker, paid in Saco	3 00
Albra Rumery, paid in Dexter	3 00

J. M. LAUGHTON

H. L. WAKEFIELD

L. H. HASELTINE

Assessors of Ripley.

# Report of Overseers of Poor

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## WELFARE

### RESIDENT

Frank Alton

Transportation	\$ 14 50
Nurse	11 20
Groceries	82 78
Medical	197 00
	————— \$ 305 48

E. A. Wheeler

Groceries	\$ 26 86
H. N. Bowdoin	
Fuel	\$ 14 29

Fred Alton

Groceries	\$ 132 70
Clothing	22 20
	————— \$ 154 90

Wm. Lyshorn

Board	\$ 75 00
Barbering	12 45
Clothing	19 50
Medical	15 75
Transportation	3 00
	————— \$ 125 70

## Sheldon Neal

Old account	\$	29 69
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## D. F. Hopkins

Medical	\$	35 00
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Received payment in full	\$	35 00
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## Archie Farrar

From old account	\$	15 00
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Received payment in full	\$	15 00
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## Rupert Philbrick

Medical	\$	34 00
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Transportation		54 00
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Received on account		50 00
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Balance	\$	38 00
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## Floyd Rumery

Medical	\$	9 00
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Received on account		8 00
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Balance	\$	1 00
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## John Webber

Groceries	\$	3 14
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## Albra Rumery

Burial	\$	132 00
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Medical		1 00
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Transportation		13 00
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	\$	146 00
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## Committing Carl Philbrick to Hospital

	\$	26 00
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## NON-RESIDENT

Mrs. Lydia Hardy

Board and care	\$	150 00
Due from State	\$	150 00

Maggie Pillsbury

Medical	\$	26 50
Transportation		1 50
Groceries		113 78
	\$	141 78

## Vagrants

Food	\$	1 20
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J. M. LAUGHTON

H. L. WAKEFIELD

L. H. HASELTINE

Overseers of the Poor.

# Report of Selectmen

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash Balance Feb. 1, 1939	\$ 426 56
Receipts for the year	18,511 32
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Total Receipts	\$ 18,937 88
Warrants drawn on treasurer	18,542 74
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Cash balance Feb. 1, 1940	\$ 395 14

## WELFARE SECTION

### POOR

Appropriation	\$ 500 00
Other receipts	108 00
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Total receipts	\$ 608 00
Warrants drawn	1,257 04
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Overexpended	\$ 649 04

## EDUCATIONAL SECTION

### SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$ 2,700 00
School Fund State	1,264 40
Equalization Fund	44 00
Int. on School Fund	32 43
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Total Receipts	\$ 4,040 83

Warrants drawn	\$ 4,544 40
Overdraft	134 56
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Total	\$ 4,678 96
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Overexpended	\$ 638 13

### HIGHWAY SECTION

#### WINTER

Winter appropriation	\$ 950 00
State reimbursements	2,780 87
Snow Plow 2 appropriation	385 00
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Total receipts	\$ 4,115 87
Winter warrants	\$ 2,994 37
Truck fuel and repairs	265 70
Tractor fuel & repairs	1,108 95
Snow plow 2 repairs	59 04
Snow Plow 2 payment	385 00
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Total warrants	\$ 4,813 06
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Overexpended	\$ 697 19
Truck credits	288 74
Snow plow 2 credits	93 75
Tractor credits	836 62

#### SUMMER

Appropriation	\$ 400 00
App. Buck road	100 00
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Total receipts	\$ 500 00
Warrants drawn	508 73
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Overexpended	\$ 8 73

## MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$	775 00
Due from State 50-50		49 70
Amount available		\$ 824 70
Warrants on 3rd Class		
Maintenance	\$	269 00
Cutting bushes		154 38
Early Patrol		99 40
State aid maintenance		
deductions		372 30
Total expenditures		\$ 895 08
Overexpended		\$ 70 38

## MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Available from State	\$	347 82
Unexpended balance 1938		22 07
Total available		\$ 369 89
Warrants drawn		\$ 369 39
Unexpended		\$ 50

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Town appropriation	\$	450 00
Transferred to S. M. A.		247 78
Transferred to State		\$ 202 22
Cash from State		1,575 00
Transferred from 3rd Class		861 68
Trans. from Special Resolve		550 00
Received from State M. A.		247 78
Total receipts		\$ 3,436 68
Foreman's payrolls	\$	1,796 31
Tar account		176 06

Village bridge account	796 09
1938 overdraft	386 48
State deduction, shovel	594 00
Total payments	\$ 3,748 94
Overexpended	\$ 312 26

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Transferred from State aid	\$ 247 78
Warrants drawn	\$ 144 55
Unexpended	\$ 103 23

## LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 75 00
Warrants drawn	\$ 75 00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$ 15 00
Warrants drawn	2 65
Unexpended	\$ 12 35

## HEALTH NURSE

Appropriation	\$ 20 00
Warrants drawn	\$ 20 00

## INTEREST

Appropriation	\$ 700 00
Int. on 1938 taxes	5 00
Total receipts	\$ 705 00
Warrants drawn	661 81
Unexpended	\$ 43 19

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation	\$	48 00
Warrants drawn	\$	48 00

## MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation	\$	450 00
Overlay		378 18
Other receipts		2 00
From Excise tax		453 63
Cash on hand		426 56
Int. on bank stock		6 50
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Total receipts	\$	1,716 87
Warrants drawn		1,294 94
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Unexpended	\$	421 93

## APPROPRIATIONS 1939-40

Appropriations by town	\$	8,068 00
County tax		321 15
State tax		1,386 98
Overlay		378 18
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Committed to collector	\$	10,154 31
Supplemental committed		25 00
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Total commitment	\$	10,179 31

## STATE TAX

Assessed by State	\$	1,386 98
Warrants drawn	\$	75 29
Credit from State, schools		1,264 40
Dog tax refund		47 01
R. R. & Tel. tax		28
		—————
Total	\$	1,386 98

## COUNTY TAX

Assessed by County	\$ 321 15
Warrants drawn	\$ 321 15

## OVERLAY

Assessed by Selectmen	\$ 378 18
Trans. to miscellaneous	\$ 378 18

## 1939 TAXES

Receipts Cash	\$ 8,261 54
From abatements	27 53
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Total receipts	\$ 8,289 07
Commitment	10,179 31
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Uncollected 1939 tax	\$ 1,890 24

## 1939 DELINQUENT TAXES

Name	Poll	Personal	Real Est.
Elbridge Atwater	\$ 3 00	\$ 1 43	\$ 61 28
James Bubar		27 65	85 50
Maurice Briggs		15 00	
Coburn Cooley	3 00	9 69	31 35
Wallace Cooley			22 80
C. S. Downing		2 98	96 90
Neil Felker	3 00	86	
Roland Gardner			5 80
E. A. Hamilton	3 00	34 77	116 85
Roland Kittredge		16 25	59 85
P. C. Knowles			4 57
Mrs. John Lane, heirs			65 00
Roy Lane	3 00	20 24	11 40
Frank G. Laughton		21 95	68 40
Vernard Lancaster		1 71	34 20
Weston Mills			36 27
Geo. Mac Dougall		20 66	119 70
George Nutter			57 00

Robert Neal			30 15
Elmer Pingree	3 00	13 11	85 50
Lester Pingree		17 52	62 70
Leroy Perkins	3 00	3 14	34 20
Leslie Rees		2 44	116 85
Albra Rumery		12 83	94 05
Floyd Rumery	3 00		
Wm. Rees		2 85	
A. C. Randall			5 43
John Sevey		9 39	114 00
Maynard Smith	3 00		
M. L. Thurston			35 72
Clyde Willard	3 00	34 20	48 45
John Webber	3 00		7 70

#### Non-Resident

John Arno		74 10
Chas. Sampson		2 85

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Total uncollected 1939 Tax	\$ 1,890 24
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#### 1939 EXCISE TAX

Receipts	\$ 271 14
Transferred to Miscellaneous	\$ 271 14

#### 1940 EXCISE TAX

Receipts	\$ 182 49
Transferred to Miscellaneous	\$ 182 49

#### 1938 TAXES

Balance Forward	\$ 1,102 29
Receipts Cash	\$ 764 31
Credit Tax liens	217 59
Abatements	87 88
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Total credits	\$ 1,069 78
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Bal. 1938 Taxes due Feb. 1, 1940	\$ 32 51

Name	Poll	Personal	Real Estate
Rawson Kimball	\$3 00	\$	\$
Raymond Meader	3 00		
Rupert Philbrick	1 50		
A. C. Randall			8 21
John Webber	3 00		62
E. A. Wheeler		10 48	
Harold Gower		2 70	
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Total uncollected 1938 Tax			\$ 32 51

## 1937 TAXES

Balance forward on liens	\$ 609 63
Discharging costs	4 50
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Total amount due Feb. 1, 1939	\$ 614 13
Cash receipts	\$ 255 75
Liens become town property	162 25
Credit Tax Deeds	61 38
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Total credits	\$ 479 38

## 1937 Tax due on Hamilton Farm

Feb. 1, 1940	\$ 134 75
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## 1935 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1939	\$ 178 57
Cash receipts	\$ 14 95
Trans. to Rumery property	90 10
Abated to collector	73 52
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	\$ 178 57

## 1933 TAXES

Due Feb. 1, 1939	\$ 59 93
Abated to collector	\$ 59 93

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LOANS

Outstanding notes Feb. 1,	
1939	\$ 13,440 05
Hired on permanent notes	180 38
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	\$ 13,620 43
Retired on perm. notes	978 89
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Outstanding perm. loans	\$ 12,641 54
Hired during year on Tem-	
porary loans	\$ 2,800 00
Retired on Temp. loans	1,000 00
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	\$ 1,800 00
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Outstanding notes Feb. 1, 1940	\$ 14,441 54
School Fund Grant	\$ 540 55

Financial Assets

Cash on Hand	\$ 412 33
Leavitt Farm	400 00
Rumery Deed	750 00
Wheeler Deed	750 00
1939 Taxes	1,890 24
1938 Taxes	32 51
1938 Liens	217 59
1937 Tax Deeds	56 88

Accounts Receivable:

Village Bridge	\$ 796 06
Early Patrol	49 70
State Poor Acct.	376 78
Moving building	
M. Nutter	13 34

\$ 1,235 88

Total Assets \$ 5,745 43

## Liabilities

Bills payable	\$ 49 50
Outstanding notes	14,441 54
Total liabilities	\$ 14,491 04
School Fund Grant	\$ 540 55

## DISTRIBUTION OF MISCELLANEOUS

Officers' Salaries	\$ 723 96
Traveling Expenses	63 75
Postage	16 51
Express on Surplus Commodities	21 76
Tax on Town Property	12 00
Insurance	22 50
Hall lights	12 00
Bank Service	15 80
Road Tools	20 30
Painting Cemetery Fence	20 00
Mowing cemeteries	16 00
Town Reports and Office Supplies	159 80
Recording and discharging liens	7 00
Repairing canal bridge	22 00
B. H. Litchfield	35 65
Harlan Wilkins, Lumber	13 95
Telephone	15 95
Nat. Used Car Report	7 00
Miscellaneous	89 01
Received on Dog Tax	\$ 52 00
Paid State	\$ 52 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LAUGHTON

H. L. WAKEFIELD

L. H. HASELTINE

Selectmen of Ripley, Maine.

# Report of Road Commissioner

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## DISTRIBUTION SHEET 1939-40

	Summer Roads	Third Class	Buck Road	Bushes	Gas Tax
	\$ 1 50	\$ 8 25	\$	\$	\$ 19 65
Ackermore, Alec					
Bane, Cecil	10 00			12 00	
Bane, H. L.					63 00
Britton, Bert	3 00				
Buber, Earl	2 00				
Buber, James					
Gordon, John	107 29	92 25	33 21	4 00	86 05
Gould, Alton	64 78			33 00	
Gould, Guy	71 90	36 88	9 59	10 56	16 10
Gould, Harry			9 15	23 25	43 00
Grant, Pit	3 00				3 60
Hardy, Harry	2 21				28 88
Hopkins, Don	6 67				
Jewett, John	1 00			5 52	
Kittridge, Roland	8 00				
Jane, Roy	5 00				
Laughton, James	6 50				
Lord, Amos	32 59				
Litchfield, B. H.	6 00				
MacDougall, Geo.	2 12				
Mills, Weston					1 00
Neal, Robert					14 00
				8 93	

Philbrick, Roscoe	4 12	4 65	15 89
Phinney, Harlan			13 34
Pratt, Lindy	6 00	3 00	6 00
Randall, Alvin			19 56
Richardson, Walter	2 25	22 05	33 09
Richardson, Wm.		6 00	
Rumery, Albra			6 00
Rumery, Floyd	8 00		7 78
Rumery, Roland			45 00
Sampson, Clinton			
Sawyer, O. L.	12 00	45 33	3 00
Sevey, Albert	23 03		
Sevey, Elmer	5 68		
Tewksbury, Aaron	2 00		
Tewksbury, Carl	9 05		
Wakefield, H. L.	3 00		
Wakefield, John			8 40
Willard, Clyde			24 68
Wheeler, Ed			8 10
			\$ 369 39
			\$ 154 38
			\$ 100 04
			\$ 269 00
			\$ 408 69

## Report of Treasurer

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Cash in treasury Feb. 1,

1939	\$ 426 56
Receipts	18,511 56
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Total receipts	\$ 18,937 88
Paid in Selectmen's warrants	18,542 74
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Cash in treasury Feb. 1, 1940	\$ 395 14

### LIBRARY FUND

Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1939

Town Note	\$ 850 00
Cash	28 88
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Total	\$ 878 88
Int. on note	\$ 34 00
From State	7 50
Fines and Dues	7 35
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	\$ 927 73
Paid for books	20 00
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	\$ 907 73

Amount in treasury Feb. 1, 1940

Town note	\$ 850 00
Cash	57 73
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Total	\$ 907 73

## CEMETERY TRUST FUND

John Jones	\$ 171 49
Josiah Page	106 00
C. E. Hanson	100 00
Jesse M. Stone	50 00
Mrs. T. C. Carr	102 45
Olive A. Crocker	53 27
Bartlett Tripp	126 00
Geo. Farrar	102 33
Edgar H. Ramsdell	100 00
Noah Prescott	100 00
Arthur Farrar	50 00
	————— \$ 1,061 54
Town note	\$ 1,061 54
Int. on note	\$ 42 42
Care of lots	\$ 42 42

## TAX LIENS 1938

Geo. McDougall	\$ 116 55
Federal Land Bank	104 04
	————— \$ 220 59

Respectfully submitted,  
 F. L. HASELTINE,  
 Town Treasurer.

## Auditor's Report

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### ANNUAL AUDIT OF RIPLEY 1939-40

#### Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash Balance

Check Book Balance	\$ 395 14	
Outstanding Checks	5,372 29	<hr/>
Total		\$ 5,767 43
Bank Balance	\$ 5,200 00	
Deposits not credited	567 43	<hr/>
Total		\$ 5,767 43

Report of Tax Collector for the Current Year Only		
Total tax requirement	\$ 10,134 31	
Excise tax (current year only)	271 14	
Supplemental tax	25 00	<hr/>

Committed, and due from collector	\$ 10,450 45
Cash to treasurer	\$ 8,532 68
Discount	17 96
Abatements	9 57
Uncollected real estate tax	1,606 57
Uncollected personal and poll tax	284 67
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Total credit to collector	\$ 10,450 45

## COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

Assets	Start	Close
Cash	\$ 426 56	\$ 395 14
Uncollected taxes (1933)	59 93	
Uncollected taxes (1934)	17 32	
Uncollected taxes (1935)	178 57	
Uncollected taxes (1938)	1,102 29	32 51
Uncollected taxes (1939)		1,890 24
Tax liens (1936)	47 20	
Tax liens (1937)	654 88	
Tax liens (1938)		217 59
Leavitt Farm deed	400 00	400 00
Rumery Mortgage	175 00	
Rumery Farm deed		750 00
Wheeler Farm deed		750 00
Hill heirs & Stewart farm tax deed		26 00
Mitchell tax deed		30 88
Common school overdraft	134 56	638 13
Trust funds	1,743 65	1,911 54
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	\$4,939 96	\$7,042 03
		4,939 96
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Increase in liabilities during year 1939-40 \$ 1,169 38

## Liabilities

Notes	13,440 05	14,441 54
School fund note	540 55	540 55
Trust funds	1,743 65	1,911 54
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	\$15,724 25	\$16,893 63
		15,724 25
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Increase in liabilities during year 1939-40 \$ 1,169 38

## PROOF OF CHANGE IN NET DEBT

Net debt start of year	\$10,784 29
Additions:	
Increase in liabilities	1,169 38
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Total	\$ 11,953 67
Deductions:	
Increase in assets	2,102 07
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Net debt end of year	\$ 9,851 60

## VALUATION AND DEBT LIMIT

The assessed valuation of taxable property	\$172,560 87
5% constitutional debt limit	8,628 04
Outstanding indebtedness applicable to debt limit	9,851 60
February 20, 1940	

State Department of Audit  
Augusta, Maine

This is to certify that I have prepared this schedule  
from the records of the Town of Ripley for the munici-  
pal year ending February 1, 1940, and believe it to be  
correct.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON E. JEWETT,  
Auditor.

# Report of Town Clerk

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

1939

Feb. 24. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stafford, a son.  
Mar. 3. To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alton, a son.  
Apr. 29. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Pratt, a son.

### Deaths

1939

Mar. 3. Baby Alton.  
June 10. Clarence E. Tripp, age 77 yrs., 11 mos., 11 days.

### Marriages

1939

Apr. 16. Mr. Roland Rumery and Miss Beatrice Ham-  
ilton.  
Sept. 17. Mr. William Glidden and Miss Phyllis Know-  
les.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELMA SEVEY,  
Town Clerk.

# School Report

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To the Citizens of Ripley:

The School Committee and superintendent of schools herewith respectfully submit the following report of the Ripley schools for the past fiscal year.

Four schools were maintained beginning with the school year 1938-39, and the same is true for the present year. The list of teachers remained the same until late fall, 1939, when Mrs. Mary L. Fox was engaged to substitute for Mrs. Rena L. Eaton until some time next spring.

The following term plan has been adopted, with full knowledge, however, that some change in the time of the spring vacation may have to be made on account of weather or travelling conditions.

Fall term began Sept. 11, closed December 15, 1939	14 weeks
Two weeks vacation	
Winter term began January 1, closes March 15, 1940	11 weeks
Five weeks vacation	
Spring term begins April 22, closes June 7, 1940	7 weeks
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	32 weeks

The following legal school holidays to be observed by closing; Armistice Day, November 11, Thanksgiving

Day, November 30, Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, and Memorial Day, May 30. Lincoln's Birthday and Arbor Day to be observed by appropriate exercises at some time during the school session on those days.

At the desire of the families interested it was finally arranged to have the Dexter school bus take the Ripley pupils on the Cambridge Road to the Dexter village schools. These pupils formerly were conveyed to the Webber school in Cambridge. The agreement arrived at by the two committees was for a price of \$400. per year for tuition and conveyance, inclusive. This amounts to \$1.27 per week per pupil, which is almost exactly the same as the terms of a similar arrangement between the towns of Garland and Dover-Foxcroft, now in effect for three years. No account is made of the fact that two high school girls on this road have the use of the bus to and from school. One other Ripley pupil, John Briggs, attends the Dexter grade schools.

Ripley has this year the largest number of students in secondary schools for many years past, numbering 23 in all. These are distributed as follows; Rhoena Richardson in Harmony High School; Joseph Page, Estelle Page and Eva Wheeler in Hartland Academy; Ethalinda Ellms, Maxine Ellms, John Litchfield and John Murdock in Higgins Classical Institute; Harold Butler, Helen Mills, Dorothy Mills, Robert Mills, Alden Perkins, Barbara Perkins, Bernice Rees, Corris Rees, William Richardson, Frances Sevey, George Greaves, Malcolm Kittridge, Ruth Sevey, Mary L. Sevey and Martha Willard in Dexter High School. Eva Wheeler, however, moved away in the late fall and is not now on the list. Tuition Rates for these schools are now, for Dexter High, \$57 per year, Higgins \$100. per year, Hartland Academy \$65. per year, and Harmony High \$76. per year. A check-up has been made from this office on the conduct, attention to work, etc. of all of

the above students, with no unsatisfactory reports being received. Many records were exceptionally good.

The number of pupils listed in the four Ripley schools last September 71, with 12 in the Hillside School, 12 in the Jones School, 24 in the Mills School and 23 in the Head-of-the-Pond School.

A new fence had to be built around the Head-of-the-Pond lot, a small amount of shingling at the Hillside School. Outside of this only a few minor items have been done on buildings. The Lane School building was sold by the selectmen, as it had not been used for a great many years.

#### FINANCIAL

A year ago the fact that \$102. in tuition and \$512. of State Equalization Fund were received helped greatly in making a good showing. This year no tuition and only \$44. in Equalization Fund money was received. On the other hand four schools have been maintained for the whole year, and for only a part of last year. High school tuition costs, controlled wholly by the number who wish to attend and the cost of tuition where they choose to attend, has been larger this year by \$303.33. Comparison of each item of school expenditure with the same items in the last town report is interesting and easily made. They will not be listed here.

There will be no elementary school tuition bill next year as far as known except one for \$30. Another favorable factor is that the State has sent notice that the Equalization Fund will be \$474. payable in Dec. 1940.

One way of stating the matter is that money available for all school purposes this year was less than last year by \$306.30, despite the fact that the Town appropriation was \$200. more. Necessary expenditures were more than for last year by \$564.37. The two

really important factors determining this increase in cost are the number of schools maintained and the number of high school tuition students. However, it should be remembered that state re-imbursement for high school tuition paid out shows up in the succeeding year, and is two thirds up to a limit of \$800.

The average rate of taxation for school purposes for the year is .01275, for the entire state. The corresponding rate for Ripley is .01399. For Somerset County the table shows 10 rates higher than Ripley and 13 lower. The average municipal rate for the state is given as .05995, and that for Ripley as .0570.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER R. PINGREE  
JOHN WAKEFIELD  
School Committee.

D. W. ROLLINS  
Supt. of Schools.

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#### REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

To the Citizens of the town of Ripley, I submit the eleventh annual report of the Dexter Community Nursing Service as related to Ripley, for the year 1939.

The following statistics give the result of the work in the schools:

No. of children enrolled	67
No. of children examined	67
No. of children with defects	56
No. of children with defects corrected	8
No. of children with defective permanent teeth	29
No. of children with defective temporary teeth	40
No. of children with defective teeth corrected	5
No. of children with defective vision	1
No. of children with defective vision corrected	2

No. of children with abnormal throats	24
No. of children with abnormal throats corrected	1
No. of visits to school rooms	16

A change has been made in the dental program throughout the state of Maine, beginning the first of the year 1940. Since we knew this change was coming and as we had only one dentist available in Dexter for work, we did not ask him to make the usual dental check-up. The new dental requirements, state that every child must visit the dentist's office, if only to be certified for a sound and clean set of teeth.

There is a great need of some type of program which will meet with the problem of the correction of dental defects. We have many children, who are absolutely unable to visit the dentist. It may be possible to arrange some type of clinic program with a nearby dentist, sponsored through some women's club of the town.

The teachers have been very cooperative in helping with the routine work in the schools, such as; testing of the eyes and ears. The pupils of the upper grades of the Mill school, had their ears tested with the audiometer.

One outstanding correction of a physical defect was made possible through the cooperation of local persons. One child, who was extremely near sighted, was taken to the oculist for vision correction. Her school work has greatly improved, also, she takes more pleasure in her general surroundings.

Eleven homes were visited during the year. These calls were made to infants, maternity cases, and to the homes of school children. Physicians were assisted with two deliveries in the community; also post partum visits were made.

The outstanding health needs in our community are as follows; to broaden the scope of the work in the community; to include regular visits to infants under

one year; to visit our preschool children at more frequent intervals; to interest expectant parents in the visit of the nurse; to provide some funds or method to meet the dental needs of our children; to place in the school rooms scales, that students may watch their progress in growth; to continue to help the teachers in their health work in the schools; to stimulate interest in vaccination against small pox and diphtheria; and to offer the tuberculin test for all to discover positive reactors to tuberculosis.

The following is an analysis of the number of days spent in Ripley, miles traveled, and the number of home visits made in the community over the past five years.

	Days	Miles Traveled	Homes Visited
1939	6	297	11
1938	4	181	4
1937	5	151	6
1936	5	166	10
1935	5	158	6

We wish to thank the citizens of Ripley for their support, cooperation and help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULINE E. CHARBONNEAU, B. S., R. N.  
Public Health Nurse.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### COMMON SCHOOLS

#### Resources

Appropriation	\$ 2,700 00
State School Fund	641 30
State Equalization Fund	44 00
State High School Tuition Reimbursement	623 10
Interest on Permanent School Fund	32 43
 Total Resources	\$ 4,040 83

## Expenditures

## Teachers' Wages

## Mills School:

Rena L. Eaton, winter term,			
1939, 5 weeks	\$	90 00	
Rena L. Eaton, spring term,			
7 weeks		144 00	
Rena L. Eaton, fall term, 10			
weeks		180 00	
Mary L. Fox, fall term, 4 weeks		65 00	
Mary L. Fox, winter term, 5 weeks		81 25	
			\$ 560 25

## Hillside School:

Adelma L. Sevey, winter term,			
1939, 6 weeks	\$	81 00	
Adelma L. Sevey, spring term,			
7 weeks		94 50	
Adelma L. Sevey, fall term, 14			
weeks		189 00	
Adelma L. Sevey, winter term,			
5 weeks		67 50	
			\$ 432 00

## Head-of-Pond School:

Vera H. Felker, winter term,			
1939, 6 weeks	\$	87 00	
Vera H. Felker, spring term,			
7 weeks		101 50	
Vera H. Felker, fall term, 15			
weeks		232 50	
Vera H. Felker, winter term,			
4 weeks		62 00	
			\$ 483 00

## Jones School:

Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term,			
1939, 6 weeks	\$	72 00	
Gertrude S. Farrar, spring			
term, 8 weeks		96 00	

Gertrude S. Farrar, fall term,	
14 weeks	189 00
Gertrude S. Farrar, winter term,	
4 weeks	54 00
	—————\$ 411 00
Total Teachers' Wages	\$ 1,886 25

## FUEL

Robert Neal	\$ 101 25
John Wakefield	8 00
Harlan Wilkins	18 00
	—————
Total Fuel	\$ 127 25

## JANITORS

Kenneth Boody	\$ 14 25
Vernal Hight	23 25
John Murdock, Jr.	9 75
Maurice Neal	13 50
Estelle Page	10 50
Walter Page	12 45
Adelma Sevey	5 80
Beatrice Sevey	16 50
Mrs. Charles Sevey	7 50
Marilyn Sevey	10 50
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Total Janitors	\$ 124 00

## JANITOR'S SUPPLIES

B. H. Litchfield	\$ 4 44
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## CONVEYANCE

Maurice Briggs	\$ 35 00
Town of Dexter	266 00
H. L. Wakefield	310 00
H. L. Wakefield (Liability Insurance)	10 00

Mrs. Clyde Willard	60 00
Total Conveyance	\$ 681 00

## COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Cambridge	\$ 264 00
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## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Dexter	\$ 727 50
Town of Harmony	75 00
Town of Hartland	105 83
Higgins Classical Institute	350 00
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Total High School Tuition	\$ 1,258 33

## TEXTBOOKS

Beckley-Cardy Co.	\$ 5 85
Educational Guild of New England	6 34
Frontier Press Company	4 90
Ginn and Company	13 02
Charles E. Merrill Company	3 44
Charles Scribner's Sons	2 60
Scott, Foreman & Co.	20 92
Webster Publishing Company	3 69
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Total Textbooks	\$ 60 76

## MISCELLANEOUS

Edward E. Babb & Co., Inc.	\$ 9 78
Central Maine Power Company	12 00
Town of Dexter	2 10
The Educational Supply Company	6 55
Gazette Publishing Company	2 25
Gledhill Bros., Inc.	6 58
J. L. Hammett Company	3 87
Hy-Gien Laboratories	5 81

Loring, Short and Harmon	8 00
Maine Public Health Association	1 10
Milton Bradley Company	4 54
White-Washburn Company	2 75
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Total Miscellaneous	\$ 65 33

## REPAIRS

Bucknam & Mountain	\$ 12 73
H. A. Eaton	5 50
Lester Pingree	23 00
Portland Stove Foundry Co.	96
H. L. Tillson & Co.	3 15
John Wakefield	22 45
Harlan Wilkins	5 25
	_____
Total Repairs	\$ 73 04
	_____
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,544 40

## SUMMARY

Total Resources	\$ 4,040 83
Total Expenditures:	
Teachers' Wages	\$ 1,886 25
Fuel	127 25
Janitors	124 00
Janitors' Supplies	4 44
Conveyance	681 00
Common School Tuition	264 00
High School Tuition	1,258 33
Textbooks	60 76
Miscellaneous	65 33
Repairs	73 04
Add Overdraft of year 1938-1939	134 56
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	\$ 4,040 83
	\$ 4,678 96
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Total Overdraft now	\$ 638 13









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